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SHELTON ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES

Shelton State recently announced two major personnel changes for the college. Karen Van Luvender has been named dean of business services, and C. Britt Turner has been named dean of technical Services. Van Luvender has been with the college since 1990, serving as controller from 1990 - 1996 and director of financial services from 1996 until the present. As dean she will be the first woman named to that rank at Shelton state Community College. She holds a B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Alabama and is a Certified Public Accountant for the State of Alabama and the State of Arkansas.

Van Luvender is vice president of the Alabama College System Financial Managers Association; a member of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Governmental Accountants, and the National Association of College Auxiliary Services. She is married with one daughter and is a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Turner has been with the college since 1979 and has served as acting dean of technical services since 1997. Prior to that, he was director of technical education and for the Center for Advanced Productivity. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Alabama, an MBA from Samford University, an MA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama. He and his wife, Fran, have two children and are members of First Presbyterian Church.

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Barbecue Bash Scheduled

The Shelton State Foundation will host its annual Barbecue Bash on Thursday, September 30, beginning with a Silent Auction at 5:30 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Bingo will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and may be bought from any member of the Foundation Board of Directors or from the Foundation Office, 391-2298.

Three automobiles, a 1984 Camry, a 1981 Pontiac Phoenix, and a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra, will be auctioned off as part of the Silent Auction. A two-night, three-day vacation at locations in Canada, Europe, Mexico, Bahamas, and \$1,000 in travelers checks will also be auctioned. Other items include a pair of Waterford Martini Glasses, a chain saw, an all-day pontoon boat outing, a framed print, two sets of tires along with many other gifts.

Bingo prizes include cash prizes along with door prizes. All profits from the Bash go to fund Foundation activities.

Don't forget Berendt

Don't forget! John Berendt will be at Shelton State on Thursday, September 23, at 7 p.m. in the Bean Brown Theatre. There will be a reception, book selling, and book signing in the Atrium following the event. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in Shelton's Public Relations Office, Theatre Tuscaloosa, or Novel Approach Book Store. More info? Call 391-2221.

"A successful life-long, professional journalist himself, Berendt must have known he had stumbled into the perfect circumstances to produce a book-length example of new journalism when he came to Savannah, Ga. In 1983. Filled with eccentric characters and inherent drama already, Savannah became an eternal literary setting when flamboyant

antique dealers Jim Williams was arrested for killing the villainous Danny Hansford. Berendt had found the perfect plot device to hold his story together." *Jim Kinney*

Join Kinney for a great review of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* as part of our Bookbag Series. It will be on Tuesday, September 21, at 12:15 p.m. in the D rooms of the cafeteria. Grab a bite to eat and join us!

COURSE FOR AREA BUSINESSES

This fall Shelton State Community College will offer a short-term course for area businesses. The course, which is taught through the college's Division of Continuing Education, will be offered on five Monday evenings, now through October 11. The instructor for the course is Larry Mund, and the cost of the course is \$99.00.

For additional information or to register for the course, contact Continuing Education at Shelton State, (205) 391-2360.

SHELTON OFFERS FIRST COURSE ON THE INTERNET

A single mother returns home after working all day. Her young children are fed and in bed, but she has no one to watch them if she leaves the house. She would like to get a college degree but there is no way for her to attend class.

Shelton State Community College, along with many other educational institutions, recognizes that these types of problems face individuals each day. However, today's new technology does offer options. With the rapid expansion of the Internet, more and more courses are offered online.

This fall Shelton State is offering its first course via the Internet - Biology for non-majors(101-90). This class, taught

online, covers the same basic information as the class offered on one of Shelton's campuses. A laboratory requirement is also part of the course.

According to Shelton instructor Sara Brenizer, who developed the course, "this class is for students who can't or don't have the time to physically come to class on campus. A large segment of the population out there has often been ignored," Brenizer said.

"This could include people with disabilities or those with small children. It could also include people who work or who don't have the transportation to reach one of the Shelton campuses. Whatever their reason, this class offers these individuals an opportunity to take a college course. This Internet course allows us to touch this population," Brenizer said.

"The person who takes this class must be extremely self motivated," Brenizer adds. "We try not to have anything on the Internet that is too long. Our role is to link students to other resources. Students in this class will use their textbook extensively. They will look over the web page, read the class learning links and visit assigned on-line links to supplement the text. We found several simulated sites for labs they can connect with. Also I will give them some lab assignments they can do at home."

Research has found that people sometimes feel isolated while taking courses on the Internet, Brenizer says. "To counteract this factor, we are including on-line discussion forums. There is a real-time chat room which means everyone doesn't have to be on-line at the same time. We hope students will e-mail each other while in the class."

Shelton requires students to take two tests as part of the course, one at mid term in October and the other one as a final exam in December. Students will have to come to the college in person to take the exams.

Shelton's webmaster Brad Moore was a vital part of the project, according to Brenizer. "Brad provided all of the

technical assistance. We could not have gotten this project off the ground without him," Brenizer adds.

Shelton State will offer this biology course on the Internet again Spring semester.

REMEMBER TERRIFIC TUESDAYS:

Sept. 14: Chamber Music, Recital Hall;

Sept. 21: Chamber Music, Recital Hall. All concerts begin at 1 p.m.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES NEW INSTITUTIONAL POLICY

Shelton president Tom Umphrey recently announced a new college-wide policy effective September 1 that affects the administrative and support staff of the college.

Policy Title: Performance of duties in a professional, ethical and collegial manner that enhances the purpose of the institution: Administrative and Support Staff.

All administrative and support staff of Shelton State shall be required to carry out their duties in a professional, ethical and collegial manner that enhances the purpose of the institution. Members of the support staff and administration must state in writing that they agree to carry out their duties in a professional, ethical and collegial manner that enhances the purpose of the institution.

The evaluation process for administrative and support staff shall include an assessment of whether the requirement to perform duties in a professional, ethical and collegial manner that enhances the college has been met.

SACS stipulates that faculty must perform their duties in a professional, ethical and collegial manner. This standard of performance should also apply to all other personnel.